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Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 07648.0023

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
John CAIRNEY et al.) Group Art Unit: 1631
Serial No.: 09/973,994) Examiner: Cheyne D. Ly
Filed: October 11, 2001)
For: DIFFERENTIALLY-EXPRESSED)
CONIFER cDNAs, AND THEIR)
USE IN IMPROVING SOMATIC)
EMBRYOGENESIS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of August 4, 2003. A fee of \$420.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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